

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed December 8, 2004. Through this response, claims 18-22 and claims 28-34 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims 23, 25-27, and 35 are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 23, 25-27, and 35 are allowable over the prior art of record. In that it is believed that through this response every rejection has been rendered moot, it is submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

II. Drawing Objections

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action provides as follows:

The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the plurality of pins (claim 34) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s).

In response to this objection, Applicants have canceled claim 34 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Since the claim that has prompted the objection has been canceled, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In response to this rejection, Applicants have canceled claim 34.

In view of cancellation of claim 34, it is respectfully asserted that the remaining claims currently define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Iggulden et al.* (*Iggulden*, U.S. Pat. No. 5,729,222). Claims 18, 20-22, 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Rix*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, but in the interest of expediting issuance of the allowed claims, claims 18-22 and claims 28-34 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been rendered moot, and respectfully request that the rejections to claims 18, 20-22, 28-32, and 34 be withdrawn.

V. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Rix* in view of *Anten*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but in the interest of expediting issuance of the allowed claims, claims 18-22 and claims 28-34 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Thus, Applicants

respectfully submit that the rejection has been rendered moot, and respectfully request that the rejection to claims 19 and 33 be withdrawn.

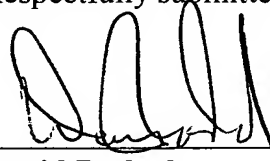
VI. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claims 18, 20-22, and 28-34 have been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' pending claims 23, 25-27, and 35 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Rodack', is written over a horizontal line.

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